

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/975,219
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Group Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Windmuller, John
Attorney Docket Number	TI-27954

This is a Request for Continued Examination (REC) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continuation prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 (d) (PTO/SB/25) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Continuation Examinations and continuation prosecution applications (including Rule 22 and Other Rules), 64 FR 26666 (May 22, 1999). See also 37 CFR 1.461 which

**1 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §**

- a  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 2, 2004. (Any unstated amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Miscellaneous**

- a  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 (c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (l) required)
- b  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668, Texas Instruments Incorporated.
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
  - c  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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